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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 19 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Uruguay
Namibia
Holy See
Sri Lanka
Singapore
Tunisia
Republic of Moldova
Kyrgyzstan
Peru
International Committee of the Red Cross
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Election of Rapporteur

2. Effects of atomic radiation [81] (A/53/46, A/53/478, A/53/483; A/C.4/53/L.6)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93] (A/53/296, A/53/374, A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/69, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/96, A/53/124, A/53/155, A/53/168, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/396, A/53/411, A/53/412, A/53/414, A/53/416, A/53/453)

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development (A/53/301)

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Introductory statements and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.4 (item 91 (b)), A/C.2/53/L.5 (item 91 (c)) and A/C.2/53/L.2 (item 91 (d))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [103] (A/53/38/Rev.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/318, A/53/354, A/53/363, A/53/376, A/53/409 and A/53/447*)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/87, A/53/95-S/1998/311 and A/53/308)

Conclusion of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 136 (Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (A/52/772/Add.2 and A/53/474)), 125 (Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (A/52/730/Add.2 and Add.3 and Corr.1 (French only) and Corr.2 and A/53/474)) and 140 (Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (A/53/437 and A/53/481))

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Support account for peacekeeping operations

Consideration and action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.9

2. Pattern of conferences [117] (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

[*Note:* Delegations are reminded that the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts under agenda subitems 17 (a) to (f) is 6 p.m. Monday, 19 October 1998.]

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* Following the adjournment of the 10th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154] (A/53/33, A/53/312, A/53/326, A/53/386)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

3. Draft report

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women, (agenda item 104) on Monday and Tuesday, 19 and 20 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on agenda item 38 (Oceans and the Law of the Sea) will be held on Monday, 19 October 1998 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, immediately following the adjournment of 6th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal meeting on resource mobilization on Monday, 19 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 19 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the Development Account)

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 93(d) (Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership): globalization)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 108 (Elimination and racism and racial discrimination))

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

4.15 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, on Monday, 19 October 1998, at 5 p.m. in *Conference Room 8*, to welcome the offer of the Government of Mozambique to host the first meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction in Maputo (May 1999) and to open the co-sponsorship of the First Committee draft resolution on the Convention (agenda item 71 (d)). All representatives of States that have ratified the Convention, States signatories and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Chile
Democratic Republic of the Congo
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Oman
Ethiopia
Israel
Armenia
Pakistan
Kenya
Senegal

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

Continuation of general debate:

Malta
Saudi Arabia
Bahrain
Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community)
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Philippines
Iraq
Jordan
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p .m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon**	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 8

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the World Summit for Social Development)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 108 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Fourth Committee *(on information)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal meetings

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Brazil, for an exchange of views regarding the First Committee draft resolution on the nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas (agenda item 71 (o)) on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations and co-sponsors are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on the theme "The United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms: An Update" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C. Mr. Ross Hynes, Minister Counselor, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, and Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefings

An informal briefing by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (OSCAL/DESA) on the Secretary-General's progress report on the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (UN-NADAF) (A/53/390 and Add.1) will be held on Tuesday, 20 October 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions and representatives of interested organizations are invited to attend.

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At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparation to the Second Conference of the Parties (Senegal, 30 November-11 December 1998). The briefing will take place next Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be an informal meeting and exchange of views, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on the theme "The New Architecture for an International Monetary System - the IMF Perspective", on Thusday, 22 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. J. B. Zulu, IMF Special Representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York IMF Office, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank, on "Memory and Vision: Cultural Identity in a Changing World" on Wednesday, 21 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President for Special Programs of the World Bank, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Administration and Cost of Elections", sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (Sweden) and the International Foundation for Election Systems (United States), on Thursday, 22 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The panellists will be Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Elections (Canada), Mr. José Woldenberg Karakowsky, President of the Federal Electoral Institute (Mexico), and a representative of USAID. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 16 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

39th plenary meeting

World Solar Programme 1996-2005: draft resolution (A/53/L.8) [158]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.8 (resolution 53/7).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 158.

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]:

(a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/52/1023);*

(b) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/351);*

(c) *Curricula Vitae (A/53/352)*

The Acting President recalled that by its resolution 1166 (1998) of 13 May 1998 the Security Council decided to establish a third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal and that three additional judges should be elected to serve in the additional Trial Chamber until the date of expiry of the terms of office of the judges currently serving on the Tribunal (16 November 2001).

In accordance with article 13, subparagraph 2 (d), of the Statute of the International Tribunal, the Holy See and Switzerland were invited to participate in the election of the judges.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the three judges.

The result of the first ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Ecuador announced that Mr. Luis Valencia Rodríguez (Ecuador) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Poland announced that Mr. Jan Skupinski (Poland) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

Since three vacancies remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded to a second round of balloting.

In the second ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. David Anthony Hunt (Australia) and Mr Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica) were elected to serve in the third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal.

The representative of Finland announced that Mr. Per-Johan Viktor Lindholm (Finland) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

The representative of Sri Lanka announced that Mr. Waldo Bandara Srinihal Wadugodapitiya (Sri Lanka) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

Since one vacancy remained to be filled, the Assembly proceeded to a third round of balloting.

The result of the third ballot was inconclusive.

The representative of Chile announced that Mr. Hugo Aníbal Llanos Mansilla (Chile) had decided to withdraw his name from the list of candidates.

With one vacancy remaining to be filled, the meeting was suspended until the afternoon of the same day.

39th (resumed) plenary meeting

Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [166]:

(a) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/52/1023);*

(b) *Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/351);*

(c) *Curricula Vitae (A/53/352)*

The General Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting to fill the remaining vacancy.

In the fourth ballot, having obtained the required majority, Mr. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco) was elected to serve in the third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal.

The three judges elected to serve in the third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal until the date of expiry of the terms of office of the judges currently serving on the Tribunal (16 November 2001) were the following: Mr. Mohamed Bennouna

(Morocco), Mr. David Anthony Hunt (Australia) and Mr Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica).

The General Assembly was informed that the terms of office of the three judges would commence on a date to be determined by the President of the International Tribunal.

The third Trial Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 had thus been fully established.

The General Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 166.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, the United Kingdom (President of the Conference on Disarmament), Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Venezuela, Croatia, Burkina Faso, Mauritius and Benin.

8th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Niger, Ecuador, Belarus, Myanmar (on behalf of Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Uganda, Kuwait, Botswana, Ghana and Nigeria.

In the exercise of the right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of Iraq.

The representative of Ukraine announced his country's ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 15th meeting

Operational activities for development [95]

The Committee continued consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Romania, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Angola, Belarus, Morocco, Yemen, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Benin, Tunisia, Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Czech Republic and Cuba.

The representatives of the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization also made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 95.

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(b) *Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.4

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 91 (b).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and corrected the draft resolution.

(c) *Commodities*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.5

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 91 (c).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and corrected the draft resolution.

(d) *External debt crisis and development*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.2

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 91 (d).

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and corrected the draft resolution.

Organization of work

It was agreed to hold informal consultations in the afternoon of Monday 19 October and to cancel the Committee's formal meeting.

The Chairman requested delegations that were inscribed on the speakers' list to make statements on agenda items 91 (a) and 93 (e), to contact the secretariat to confirm or reschedule the times of their statements.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 15th meeting

Advancement of women [103]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Benin, Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Colombia, Kazakhstan, Egypt, the Philippines, the Dominican Republic, Romania, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Iraq, Viet Nam, Guinea, Croatia and Ghana.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Population Fund also made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank and the International Labour Organization.

Social development [100]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.6

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Cameroon, the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Guinea, India, Israel, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal, New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, the Sudan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 100.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.8

The representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the African Group, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.9

The representative of Italy, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Cameroon, Croatia, France, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malta and Sweden, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Côte d'Ivoire joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.2

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1998/13, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.2.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.3

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1998/14, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.3.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.4

It was indicated that, by its resolution 1998/15, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.4.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

International drug control [102]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.7

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Cameroon, the Dominican Republic, Kyrgyzstan, Namibia and Zambia, introduced the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Côte d'Ivoire joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 9th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to two letters dated 9 and 15 October 1998 addressed to him from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/53/23 and A/C.5/53/24) transmitting letters from the Permanent Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of the Congo, respectively.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the Congo, Japan, New Zealand, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico, Morocco, Cuba, Bangladesh, Egypt, Pakistan, Zambia, Australia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, the United States, Singapore, India, Poland (who aligned its position with the statement made by the representatives of Austria, on behalf of the European Union), the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Following proposals by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Congo, the Committee agreed to hold informal consultations, as soon as possible, with a view to reaching a decision on this matter.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Tuesday, 20 October at 3 p.m., under the chairmanship of Mr. Frank Smyth (Ireland).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154]

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Chairman of the Special Committee introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the Organization (A/53/33).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), India, China, Malaysia and Cuba.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 1998

899th plenary meeting

Technical cooperation activities [7]

(a) *Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD*

The Board continued its consideration item 7 (a) with statements by the representatives of the United States, Canada, China, Ecuador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, Malta and Cuba.

In the light of the report by the Chairman of the Working Party on the Medium-Term Plan and Programme Budget on its thiry-first session and the statements that had been made, the Board took note of the agreed conclusions of the Working Party and adopted the draft decision contained in document TD/B/WP/L.84.

(b) *Progress Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people*

An introductory statement was made by the Chief of Inter-Organizational Affairs and Technical Cooperation Coordination. Statements were made by the representatives of Palestine, Morocco (on behalf of the Arab Group), Tunisia (on behalf of the African Group), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Pakistan, Egypt, Cuba, Italy and Israel.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of item 7.

Progressive development of the law of international trade: thirty-first annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [8]

The Board continued its consideration of item 8 with statements by the representatives of Chile and Japan.

The Board took note of the annual report of UNCITRAL (A/53/17) under cover of a note by the secretariat (TD/B/45/7) and recommended that the representative of UNCITRAL present his annual report of the Commission to the Board at its regular session in 1999.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Ukraine (16 October 1998)*

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. 13 February 1946

Accession: Portugal (14 October 1998)*

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995. Geneva, 17 February 1995

Withdrawal: Malaysia (15 October 1998)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: Portugal (14 October 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information Fair

The Annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from 20 to 23 October 1998. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

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